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AND BICYCLE INCORPORATING SAME

AMENDMENT-A UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the <u>non-final</u> Office Action of February 23, 2009, applicant submits the following response:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Discussion begin on page 13 of this paper.